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STUDENTS IN PANEL DISCUSSION

Qualities of Leadership

Last Sunday, during Bishop Sheen's television program, I was greatly impressed by his striking personality traits. This led me to wonder why some particular persons seem to possess the qualities of leadership to a much greater degree than other people. My belief is that these qualities are not entirely natural, but can be developed if a person so desires.

At a recent Good Government Day gathering, I had the opportunity to listen to and study many teen-agers and adults of outstanding leadership. I noted that all of these people had many traits and qualifications in common. Chief among these were a decisive knowledge of the subject matter under discussion and a certain forcefulness of speech which commanded the attention and respect of the audience. I also noticed that the better speakers had pleasant-sounding voices and ease of delivering their material. These speakers all had personalities that seemed to bring their audiences into accord with their ideas. President Eisenhower, John L. Lewis, and Prime Minister Churchill are all outstanding examples of present-day leaders who fit the above description. Hitler, the famed German war leader, was said to have the power to hypnotize the masses to which he spoke, and he often used this power to his advantage. Prime Minister Churchill, during World War II, kept England from falling to pieces with his heart to heart talks with the whole nation.

Anyone who has ever had any experience in speaking nows the main thing is to keep your audience's attention at all times. This interest may be kept by means of comparing topics being discussed with some more interesting topic of parallel thought. Another very important thing to remember when speaking to an audience is to keep them relaxed by the injection of humor into the talk. When holding a meeting of any tpye, you will always run into the problem of bringing opposing factions together or forming a compromise. The results wanted will be gained more often by a firm conviction rather than a meek suggestion.

The qualities which go to make for leadership in any field do not necessarily have to be instinctive. I believe they may be developed. The novelist, Conrad, once stated, "I played the sedulous ape to all famous writers of fiction of my day." By so doing Conrad created a style of writing which made him famous in the world of fiction.

To develop the qualities of leadership one should determine the characteristics required, discuss his object, and invite comment from others. Above all believe in oneself and present oneself to others with conviction. If a person has no faith in himself, how can he expect other people to have faith in him?

It is said that leaders are born every day. I believe leaders are also developed each day.

Student Council

At a recent Student Council meeting plans were discussed for a faculty-student council meeting sometime in the future. This promises to be a very interesting meeting.

The council also discussed the suggestions on having more musical assemblies and assemblies with more student participation. Suggestions concerning better conditions in the lunchroom and the resuming of four minute periods between classes were also discussed. The Council mentioned, too, that final exams were required by state law and they would appreciate everyone's cooperation during these exams.

Four members were elected as holdovers for next year's Student Council. They are as follows: Juniors, Lois Bontempo and James O'Keefe; and sophomores, Lawrence Gallerani and Richard Thomas.

Senior News

The Seniors are having quite a busy month preparing for their last two social functions—the class banquet and picnic. The banquet, which will be held at the Hotel Roger Smith, is set for June 15. Bob Hardina, general chairman, is assisted by the following committee: Raymond Cascella, Mary Lynch, Cathy Ferrero, Esther Didomenicantonio, John Morassi and Joe Sliech.

The picnic is, as usual, the last day of school, June 19. Jim Fogg is in charge of the outing, which will be at Ocean Beach, New London. The committee is as follows: Barbara Drzyzga, Ellen Claus, Joan Jasmin and Donald Stahle.

These committees are doing a good job in planning to make these last two functions ones that will be long remembered by the Class of '53.

Suggested Assembly Reforms

There has been a lot of talk about the need and desire for better assemblies. Miss Phelp's fifth period English class had a discussion on ways to improve the assemblies. Here are the results of the group's discussion.

1. Musical groups — Choral singing (up to date songs), Band, individual talent, outside talent
2. Exchange assemblies — (At least on a trial basis)
3. Movies—A greater number of movies of an interesting nature, and involving teen-age problems.
4. Club assemblies — Have each club and organization responsible for one assembly per year.
5. Outside speakers on teen-age level—Illustrated talks or topics like sports, travel, style, and manners.
6. Panel discussions and debates
7. Organize a Dramatic Club, one purpose of which would be to ease this problem.
8. Elect an assembly committee, consisting of two members from each room.

Some students were asked, "What could be done to improve the assemblies?"

George Juke—Better movies and programs which involve student participation.

Alice Arnold—An amplifier for the balcony.

Joyce Minney — Assemblies which interest most of the student body, especially movies.

Alice Harpin and Albert Girotti—Musical or exchange assemblies and motion pictures.

On Thursday, May 7, the Agawam Council for Public Schools met in the Town Administration Building to listen to a group of high-school students express their views on various matters pertaining to school problems. The members of the panel were Raymond Saricino, Mary Pond and Lois Bontempo, juniors; and Lucille Ferrarini, Dan Barufaldi and Jim Fogg, seniors; all of whom were elected by the Student Council. Their capable moderator for this discussion was Miss Eleanor Miller.

The following questions were openly and freely discussed by the panel:

1. Are academic standards high enough at Agawam?
2. What do you feel is lacking in subjects that you might want?
3. What course would you like to see added to the curriculum? Why?
4. Do you feel pupils of less ability are given enough attention? Of more ability?
5. What is lacking in pupil cooperation?
6. Would you advise limiting extra-curricular activities to one or two per student?
7. How do you feel about students having jobs before or after school?
8. In what ways does the present high school fail to meet the physical needs of the pupil?
9. Could the Student Council be more effective?

As you can see, the nine main questions covered about every major issue of which one could think. After each question was answered in turn by each panel member, the meeting was thrown open to questions from the floor, and there were many questions to be answered. Everyone in attendance thought the discussion was most interesting, profitable, and informative. Questions asked from the floor showed true interest from the members of this council, who are so anxious and willing to better the school for the students. Agawam High should feel proud to know that it has a group of citizens interested in their educational needs and problems.

Mother: Did your father say anything when you smashed up his new car?

Son: Shall I leave out the swear words?

Mother: Yes, of course.

Son: He didn't say a word.

She: Sometimes my father takes things apart to see why they don't go.

He: So what?

She: So you'd better go.

(West Point Pointer)

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Editorial

Farewell, Agawam High School

During the course of my four happy years at Agawam High School, I have developed a deep feeling of pride for Agawam High and a feeling of belonging which, at the present, I feel can never be filled by any college.

I'm proud of the loyal Agawam teachers who always display such friendliness, motherly interest, and willingness to be of assistance to each and every pupil. I shall always remember them and treasure their friendship. When I become a school teacher, I shall think of these Agawam teachers who, unknowingly, were such an inspiration.

I'm proud of the Agawam students, too. When I think of them, I shall always think of friendliness, sportsmanship, courtesy, school spirit, and individual responsibility. At times while a student at Agawam, I felt that the students lacked these admirable virtues in part, but now that I am about to graduate I can't think of another school or group of students to which I would rather be one of the alumni.

Not to be overlooked is the pride in the high standing, good name, and respect held for Agawam, along with its enviable achievements in various fields and undertakings.

These are but a few personal reasons why I shall never, never forget Agawam High and why I shall always carry her memories in my heart. I only hope this editorial awakens you underclassmen to making the most out of your four short years at A. H. S. Right now this editorial may seem very silly and sentimental, but I know that you, too, will share my feelings when you graduate.

Every faithful student in the past has felt the responsibility to uphold the reputation of the school. Every faithful student at present feels the same responsibility of preserving the school's good name and bringing it honors.

There is every reason to believe that the students of tomorrow will fulfill their duty and keep all these traditions alive. Twenty years from now let them still be the foundations upon which Agawam High rests.

As a member of the out-going Class of '53, I wish to bid a public farewell to Agawam High and to all the friends I made there. I hope you underclassmen will continue to uphold the traditions which have existed from the founding of the school. IT is all up to YOU. Please do not forget that while there are so many things about Agawam High of which you can be proud, there are so many more things you can do to improve Agawam and add to her esteem. I know the Class of '53 joins with me in wishing you all the luck, success, and God's blessings in your future undertakings at Agawam High School.

Best of Luck
From your Editor

Prison Warden: "I've had charge of this prison for 10 years. We're going to celebrate. What kind of party do you boys suggest?

Prisoners: Open house.

(MIT Voodoo)

"Vale"

The time has come when we have to part,
A time that is dreaded in all of our hearts,
A time we awaited for twelve endless years,
But now that it's here, we'll shed many tears.
For never again can we hope to attain
The many friendships in those years we have gained.
And no more will we walk the corridors at noon,
And dread the bell that always rang too soon.
The funny little incidents that happened in class,
The times when we pleaded for a little white pass,
The hours we had to look at four walls,
While everyone yearned to be in the halls.
The use of the coat closets will surely be missed
Where there the couples stole many a kiss.
No more will we rush to the lunch room to eat
Where all of the cliques for the news would meet.
The troubles we got in so easy before
We'll never get caught in any more.
The library where everyone had so much fun,
The place where the study halls were easily won.
Room 26 was another place
That kept the teachers at quite a pace.
With heads held so high, with tears in our eyes,
We try to hold back our heartbreaking sighs.
As we march down the stage the last time to see
We wonder what is in the future for the Class of '53.
The time is now here when we'll say good-bye
To our dear Alma Mater—Old Agawam High.

Pauline Placido '53

Red Cross News

The Junior Red Cross held its last meeting on May 11, 1953, at which time reports were read. Further plans were made for a group going to Leed's Hospital to decorate for a dance.

Miss McCormick outlined the accomplishments of this year's Red Cross and thanked everyone for helping to make the year a great success.

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CLUBS

Some of the clubs around the school have already elected their officers for next year.

Tri-Hi-Y

President—Mary Pond
Vice-President—Theresa Morassi
Secretary—Shirley Mutti
Chaplain—Carol Pallo
Treasurer—Barbara Cheney

The Tri-Hi-Y annual Mother-Daughter Banquet and Installation will be held at the Granger School on June 9. President Lucille Ferrarini is general chairman of the program, assisted by the following capable committee: Ellen Claus, Barbara Borgatti, Margaret Snow, Susie Draghetti, Ann Zucco, Betty Voislow, Carol Pallo, Theresa Wright, Barbara Mailo and Judith Peterson.

I.R.C.

President—Lucia Alfano
Vice-President—Ann Zucco
Secretary—Arlene Egbert
Treasurer—Patricia Bowne

The I.R.C. picnic will be held after school June 8 at Look Park. A very successful year to all the officers and their clubs.

A Tribute

As I look out through the window
I see a banner flying high.
It's the symbol of our freedom
And the cause for which men die.

I see in it a picture
Of blood, sweat, and tears.
I see in it the heritage
We've fought to preserve for years.

Once more our men are fighting
On the far-flung battle field.
They're fighting for the good of all.
Again they will not yield.

When the war is over
And the boys are home again.
We'll find that more than ever
"Old Glory" is our friend.

Carol Knight, "46"

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Our Farewell Advice to Seniors

Sad But True

When your school days are all over,
And your Fortune you must seek.
Don't depend on friends for favors,
You must stand on your own feet.
And if you need a helping hand
To keep you from all harm
The only place you'll find one, is—
The end of your right arm.

Leo Kane, Saugus '51

One More Day

When day begins, do you look on
To see what you should do?
You have one day and only one,
The same for me and you.

When day is done, can you look back
With pride and joy and say,
"I've done my best to serve my God—
Please give me one more day!"

Margaret Cox '54
Westfield Herald

Getting Junior A Glass Of Water

1. Start to kitchen.
2. Pick yourself up from under Junior's toy box, which was left in middle of the floor.
3. Run water while you find a glass.
4. Mop up the floor—remember to tell Junior his faucet attachment worked.
5. Start up to Junior's room.
6. Answer the telephone outside his room.
7. Explain that Junior didn't mean to shave the neighbor's cat.
8. Scold Junior.
9. Pick up pieces of broken glass and again mop up the floor which was soaked when Junior hit the glass with his pea shooter.
10. Return to kitchen for second glass of water.
11. Go to Junior's room.
12. Drown Junior.

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Recipe For A Little Boy

Mix the face of an angel which in Heaven dwells
With the soul of a pixie as he scurries through the dells.
Beat the laughter of a brook as it goes its merry way
Into the sadness of a sunset at the close of the day.
Stir the energy of a puppy as it romps on the lawn
And the imagination of a painter when a picture is drawn.
Cream the appetite of a piglet with its distinctive squeal
With the ability of wriggle like that of an eel.
Add a cupful of dirt and a slightly scraped knee,
And you form a little boy, as mischievous as can be.

Ann Zucco '54

Your Dad

He may be old, toil-worn and gray,
And he may not have made his way
To honor and world wide fame,
But he has gained an honest name.

He rules the world with toil-worn hand,
His work was done under God's command,
If he is old, ugly, and bent,
His youth was sacrificed for your content.

That you may have food and home,
He gave all for you alone,
And if he hasn't gained your love and respect
Trouble on his face may reflect.

Truly, I think, you should be glad,
That this old man is your dad.

Rita Donais

Just A Dog

Who is that scratching at the door?
Who tore all the carpets on the floor?
Just a dog.
Who ran off with my old shoe?
Tearing it to pieces as puppys always do?
Just a dog.
Who saved baby William from the brook?
Whom do I love and for whom do I cook?
Just a dog.
Who is as faithful as a friend can be?
Who kept Johnny from the apple tree?
Just a dog.
Who is lying so hushed and so still
In a little quiet grave under the hill?
Just a dog.
Who will linger in our memories forever?
Who will seem nearer and dearer forever?
Just a dog.

Joyce Bowe '44

Commercial News

The school year is quickly drawing to a close and the commercial girls are winning the coveted awards toward which they have been striving all year. The Gregg Shorthand tests are given at a specified rate of speed for a period of five minutes and must be transcribed accurately and neatly with not more than a limited number of errors.

The following girls in Stenography I have passed their 60 w.p.m. test: Sandra Channell, Annette Girard, Barbara Cheney, Joan DeMars, Adrienne Grasso, Elizabeth Greco, Shirley Harrison, Mary Hawkins, Anita Imelio, Shirley Mutti, Frances Radwilowicz, Donaldine Roos, and Carol Pallo.

Barbara Cheney and Carol Pallo have also passed the 80 w.p.m. shorthand test.

In Stenography II three girls have achieved excellent rating by passing the 120 w.p.m. test. They are Eileen Haseltine, Geraldine Longey and Geraldine White.

In Typewriting I, honors go to Barbara Borgatti, Jeanne Lamoureaux, and Beverly Marieb. In Typewriting II the honors go to Barbara Cheney, Adrienne Grasso, Carol Pallo, and Shirley Mutti. In the Office Practice division Lucille Brusseau keeps her typing speed in the seventies.

Congratulations to these future secretaries.

The Down-Beat

Hi, gang! This is the last time I'll be giving you the music news, so I must pull in all the loose notes that are floating around and say that I hope music will always please your every mood. Now for the latest. . . .

Note 1—The Junior and Senior High Glee Clubs were well received at their annual concert on May 8. All the songs were exceptionally prepared, and everyone worked hard to make it a success. The individual acts were also outstanding. I'm sure their next concert will be as great a success!

Note 2—On May 16 our band and glee club traveled to Turners Falls to take part in the annual Western Massachusetts Music Festival. Although neither unit auditioned for honors, they both received congratulations on their superb marching form during the parade. The mass chorus, which is a combination of all the glee clubs at the festival, gave a marvelous concert under the baton of Miss Hiat, director of music at Smith College. Everyone had fun and will always have memories of this enjoyable event.

Note 3—Man! Is that band of ours lucky! On Wednesday, June 3, each member was excused from school to go to New York on an educational sight-seeing tour, which was sponsored by the Band Parents' Association.

Note 4—Everyone has heard of the wonderful success of all the majorette units which competed at Mountain Park on May 24. The Mirror would like to add their congratulations along with all the rest.

Note 5—June 18 will be a very sad night for some people, namely the senior members of the Senior High Glee Club. They are going to sing for their graduation; they have decided to sing "The Bells of St. Mary," and the sad but beautiful "You'll Never Walk Alone." The tears will flow, but I now that won't harm the beauty of their voices blending together for the last time.

Note 6—On the last day of school the seniors will sing their class song, which is also another sad occasion, but one to which everyone looks forward.

I'll sing my last notes now and say, "Thanks loads for enjoying music. It's been swell working for you."

People

The people I remember best
Are not the gay or wise;
They are the few within whose breast
A store of kindness lies.
A brilliant mind, a pretty face,
An artist's clever hands,
Somehow fall into second place
To one who understands.
And when one day they'll think of me
I hope that they will say,
"He knew the need for sympathy
And turned no one away."

Daniel Nicholson '53

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Greetings, all you gossip-lovers. This month the news was hot enough to blow the lid right off the school. Unfortunately (or should I say fortunately for you) I was not allowed to print everything I knew. Nevertheless, I am still running this column on the same principal—"See no evil, hear no evil, got no gossip column." First of all we have a special dedication—Happy Birthday, Mr. Dacey, from the senior boys.

Shirley F . . . A new route to Polly's? Roger L . . . "What am I going to do for a whole hour?" Barbara S. . . What was the count? John M. . . Cheers! Vaughan . . . Our agent. Richard . . . Like Vermont? Neil . . . How's your Rash Nambler? Carol S. . . . Why do they call you "lover"? Sandra and Dick D. . . A new romance? Vaughan . . . "Wha happened" to your "car"? P. A. . . . Who do you take those long walks with around the building? Mary G. . . . What's the attraction in the back of the room? J. M. . . . Room 4? R. D. . . . Who were you with at Riverside? Nancy R. . . . So soon? Bob A. . . . Surprise, caught in the act! Jean H. . . . Bald mouse. Carl P. . . . What would happen if you lost your yo-yo. Joe and Avalon . . . Is TV on today? Lynne . . . Boy, was it dark! Jim F. . . . The lobster kid or were you blushing from the night before? Cyn. . . . A novel use for a comb! Dave . . . What's the attraction in the South End—Joyce? Donaldine . . . Was it crowded in the back seat? Humphrey . . . Do you know who "John" is now? Dolores L. . . . Not outside! Elaine Jones . . . Who's the sailor? Judy P. . . . Patience pays. Ruth Rapp . . . Patronizing WTXL? Lois L. . . . Didn't see then; can't see now. Bob Merk . . . Quote, "Barbara, stop kissing me!", unquote. Hardy . . . What does the ring stand for? Ann T. . . . Who are your boys in fifth period study? Dan B. . . . Sun lamp troubles? Fran . . . All burned up! Janet S. . . . Do you start off with breakfast or end up with breakfast? Judy H. . . . Who sent you that ring? R. G. . . . Marion or Janet? J. C. . . . What happened to the artist in Room 1? J. D. . . . What were those notes about? Lois M. . . Where did you go that fifth period? Betty V. . . . Is that senior still playing hard to get? Lois B. . . . What promise did you have to break after the prom? Craig . . . What's the story? Dot . . . Who's Ray?? Bob C. and Lillian . . . Where did you go after the choral concert? Cynthia A. . . . Alias, bone crusher. Pinkus . . . Still in one piece? Jim H. . . . Quite an operator! Franny . . . Rough on cars. Mat . . . In competition with Van Johnson? Nancy H. and Lois B. . . . Was the moon nice? Ted . . . What happened to your car? Vaughan . . . You must be made of money! Susie and Katy . . . What a couple! Buzzy . . . So you took to climbing trees. Anna M. . . . Third partner in crime? Maureen M. . . . What was so funny at Lois Ann's cottage? Joe Gus . . . Happy now?

Homework

What do I take upon the chin?
What is it makes my poor head spin?
What makes me cease to laugh and grin?
It's Homework!
What drives me crazy in the head?
What makes me stagger up to bed?
What makes me wish that I were dead?
It's Homework!
Why do I have to stay up late?
What makes me groan about my fate?
It isn't something that I ate,
It's Homework!
Why do I work 'till I can't see?
What makes me want to turn and flee?
What makes me wish that I weren't me?
It's Homework!
Why don't I worry about tests?
What makes me laugh, and grin, and jest?
What is it puts my mind at rest?
'Taint Homework!

Norma Wylie '48

Movie Definitions

Angels In the Outfield — Boys in the back of the room.

The Big Night — Studying for a test next day.

Behave Yourself — Teacher to student.

The Lady Pays Off — Teacher handing out a detention.

The Strange Door — The one leading to the office.

When Worlds Collide — Teachers and students having a battle.

The Mob — Students in the corridor after the bell has rung.

Three Little Words — Where's your pass?

Experiment Alcatraz — Detention room.

September Affair — When school begins.

The Sound of Fury — Teacher exploding.

Breakthrough — Trying to get out of a room when someone is trying to get in.

The Student Ticker

Diary Of a Stomach

10:00 A.M. Oh, dear! Another warm day. Wonder if I'll be abused as I was yesterday? If I am, I'm going to strike. Just disposed of a half-chewed breakfast. We ran for the train, which meant I was so jiggled about that it took twice as long to do my work. Hope she gives me an hour or two to rest before more is sent my way.

10:30 A. M. Two glasses of ice water have just arrived. It will take all the energy I can pump up in the next half hour to warm me back to normal.

10:50 A.M. That half-chewed breakfast didn't satisfy her, so she bought me some peanuts and started again.

12:00 P.M. Peanuts have been dribbling along steadily since last entry. Think she's finished them though.

12:30 P.M. Decided she wasn't very hungry and instead of a light lunch sent me down a cold eggnog, heavy with chocolate. Could have managed it all right if it hadn't been so cold, but that makes it terribly hard to deal with.

1:10 P.M. More ice water.

1:40 P.M. Was mistaken about the peanuts; she found another handful in bottom of bag, and I have to tend to them.

3:10 P.M. She has been lifting some books and as usual used my muscles instead of her arm muscles, as she should have done. Tired me more than a six-course dinner. Someone has brought her a box of caramels and she's started on that. Have received something like half a pound of caramels since last entry. She just said, "Oh dear! I don't feel well. I know the milk in that eggnog was sour."

6:00 P.M. We were invited out to have a soda before going home. Had a lemon pistaschio phosphate and then ran for the train.

6:50 P.M. We played a set of tennis before dinner and here I am all tired out and dinner to handle.

7:00 P.M. Dinner — veal, fried potatoes, cucumbers, bread and butter, blueberries, cake and coffee. How about that?

7:50 P.M. We're going down for chocolate ice cream.

8:20 P.M. Got home and found some one had made lemonade. She drank two glasses. That on top of ice settles it. I strike!

8:30 P.M. Have sent back the ice and lemonade.

8:31 P.M. Returned the blueberries.

8:32 P.M. And the veal and phosphate.

8:35 P.M. She sent for the doctor. Says the ice must have something the matter with it. Her mother says it is probably the weak stomach she inherited from her father.

9:10 P.M. Doctor says I'm just a little upset, due to weather. Goodnight!

Exchange, "The Emblem"
Southington, Conn.

Junior Jottings

On May 27 the juniors held a class meeting to elect a committee for the Senior reception after graduation exercises on June 18. This last event of the school year is sure to run smoothly for the seniors with Donaldine Roos in charge of the decorations and Lois Bontempo serving the refreshments.

The Junior Marshalls that have been selected to lead the Class of '53 at the graduation exercises are Carol Pallo and Ralph D'Amato, two excellent choices from the junior class.

Mary Pond has been selected to represent the junior class of Agawam High at the Ninth Annual Massachusetts Girls' State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The conference will be held at Bridgewater State Teachers College June 18 to 25. Mary is not only an outstanding school citizen but also an honor student as well. She is the newly elected president of Tri-Hi-Y and a member of our Mirror staff. Her many activities include membership in the Personality Club, I.R.C., participation in girls' sports, Student Council, and secretary of F. T. A.

John Spinetti, another junior at Agawam, is our representative to Massachusetts Boys' State, which will be held June 22 to June 26 at the University of Massachusetts. This conference is sponsored by the American Legion. John, a college student, has maintained an honor rating throughout his high school career. Both John and Mary were chosen for their qualities of scholarship, leadership, character, courage, and honesty. They are expected to bring back to the community a responsibility toward government, which is anticipated that they will gain at these patriotic conferences. We are sure that the judges made wise choices.

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ALUMNI

Here's the latest scoop on Agawam High's newest "alumni." We know that all the "fans" of the Class of '53 will want to keep in contact with their friends as they start on their chosen paths. Here's their starting point and where they will wind up nobody knows.

Jefferey Atwater—Tufts or Yale
Richard August—Babson
Robert August—University of Mass.
Henry Balderelli— J. S. Market
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Daniel Barufaldi—Cornell
Beverly Beauchene—Union Trust
Marcia Binnenkade — Springfield National Bank
Irene Boissonault—Springfield National Bank
Barbara Borgatti— Spfld Hospital
Daniel Brayton—Univ. of Mass.
Joyce Brissette—Telephone Co.
Richard Brissette—A. I. C.
Robert Bruno—Service
Lillian Brusseau—Telephone Co.
Lucille Brusseau—Telephone Co.
Raymond Carestia—G. E. School
David Casiello—Trade School
James Cheney—Marines
Sophie Chmael—Springfield National Bank
Ellen Claus—Springfield Hospital
Robert Couture—Trinity College
Catherine Crean—Spfld. Hospital
Joyce Dalimont—Westfield State Teachers College
Adeline DiCarlo—Telephone Co.
Esther Didomenicantonio — Westfield State Teachers College
Bruce Dodd—Navy
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Barbara Drzyzga—A. I. C.
Lucille Ferrarini—Westfield State Teachers College
Shirley Ferrarini—Becker Junior College
Catherine Ferrero—Springfield National Bank
Richard Fitzgerald—Wentworth Jr. College
James Fogg—University of Mass.
Merilyn Frisbie—Office work
Richard Frisbie—Sypek
Nicholas Funtos—Navy
Joyce Gazar — Westfield State Teachers College
Charles Granger—Farmer
Jean Gravel—Telephone Co.
Richard Hall—Trinity College
Robert Hardina—Univ. of Mass.
Fred Harkins—Service
Eileen Haseltine—Third Nat'l Bank
Jean Hebert—University of Mass.
John Hess—Army
Marian Hess—Agawam Lumber Co.
Clement Hobbs—Service
Cynthia Hoye—Colby Jr. College
Anita Imelia—N. E. T. & T. Co.
Joan Jasmin — Westfield State Teachers College
Loisann Johnson—Bay Path Junior College
Edward Kelly—A. Baldarelli Corp.
Neil Lawson—Univ. of Vermont
John Liptak—Service
Geraldine Longey—Gas Light Co.
Mary Lynch—Third National Bank
Donald Lynde — Agawam Food Mart
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Rosemary McMahon — Westfield State Teachers College
Lois Merwin—Telephone Co.
Richard Miller—Office work
Barbara Milliken—Telephone Co.
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Robert Moulthrop—Acker Printing Co.
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Leo Polansak—Springfield College
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Anne Scott—Housewife
Irving Senesac—Farmer
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Donald Stahle—Colby or Bates
Barbara Statkum — Wilson's Bookkeeping Service
Dorothy Stuart—Univ. of Mass.
Richard Sullivan — New England Gas Light Co.
Ann Tate—Colby Junior College
Theodore Twarog—Nichols Junior College
Bruce Tyler — Anderson & Little Co.
John Walker — Stockbridge School of Agriculture
Beverly White—Union Trust Co.
Geraldine White — Cohen, Draymore & Michaelman, Attys at Law
Janet Willard — Westfield State Teachers College

Just for the books, we compiled this report from our survey:

No. Going to college	40
Office work	38
Hospitals	4
Farmers	2
Service	10
Housewives	2
Total	96

Our Song Titles

I'll Get By—Confident seniors
Can Anyone Explain—Class pictures
You Wonderful You—Weekends
It Isn't Fair—Homework
Thinking of You—Report Cards and vacation
The Telephone No Ring—Waiting for a date for the prom
My Destiny—Graduation
Count Every Star—Watching the Clock
Dry Bones—Biology
Dancing in the Dark—Exams
Are You For Real?—An "A"
Whispering—During study hall
Always—school
A Lovely Way to Spend an Evening—Doing homework
It Could Happen to You—A "U"
Let's Take an Old Fashioned Walk—To the office
I Hear Music—2:45 bell
Oh What a Beautiful Morning—Saturday—no school
Lucky, Lucky Me—Anyone getting maximum honors
Day After Day—Homework!
He's All Dolled Up—Sonny Merk
Wedding Bells—Anne Scott
I Cross My Fingers—Exams
The Thing—Honey's car
Music, Maestro, Please—Buzzy Williams
I'll Never Be Free—Dick Hall
Show Me How—Bob August
Get Out And Get Under the Moon—Bruce Tyler
Accidents Will Happen — Junior Class
I'm in the Middle of a Riddle—Robert Moulthrop
Shy Guy—Raymond Carestia
To Think You've Chosen Me—Senior's acceptance
Ya Won't Get Home Till Morning—After the Prom
Take Me Out to a Beach Party—Senior Class
You'll Never Know—Chemistry
The Glory of Love—Alan and Betty
Can't Stop Talking—John Walker
Dark Eyes—Shirley Magnoli
Oh, You Redhead—Vaughan Kelley
The Low-Back Car—Richard Rainboth
Can Anyone Explain? Pauline Placido
So Tired—Of School
Turn Back the Hands of Time—Seniors
Jealously—Cynthia Hoye
Oh! Johnny—Esther
In the Mood—Richard August
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The Birth of the Blues—Buzzy Williams
Never Leave Me—Al McEwan
Tell Me Why—Susan Yeakel
Why Don't You Believe Me? — Mary Lynch
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Until We Meet Again—Class of '53

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West Side Edges Agawam, 3-2

The West Side Terriers invaded Agawam on May 18 and managed to squeak out a 3-2 victory over the Brownies. Les Plumb, West Side's ace athlete, pitched a four-hit ball game and wrapped up his first win of the season. His mound foe, Dave Kunasek, pitched a fine game, giving up only seven scattered hits. One of these, however, was a tremendous home run in the fourth inning by First Baseman Al Klein. Joe Sliech and Roger LeClerc gave fine performances in the field.

Ware Nips Agawam, 4-3

The Brownies lost another heartbreaker to Ware in an extra-inning game by a score of 4-3. A long single in the eighth inning by Ware's Ed Knapp decided the issue. Jim O'Keefe went the distance for the Brownies and pitched a wonderful ball game. Besides baffling Ware throughout the game, Jim collected two hits to take the batting honors for Agawam.

Agawam Triumphs Over Palmer, 4-0

On May 12 our fearless Brownies traveled to Palmer to take on the first-place Panthers of Palmer High. After seven innings of scoreless baseball the Brownies exploded for 4 runs in the eighth inning to win the game, 4-0. LeClerc, Couture and Kunasek drove in three of the Brownie runs. LeClerc led the Agawam hitters with three hits. DeMaio had two for Palmer. Dave Kunasek pitched a great game, as usual, turning in a six-hit shutout. It was Kunasek's second shutout of the year. Score by innings:

									R	H	E
Agawam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	6	0
Palmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3

So. Hadley Wins Thriller, 1-0

Well, it happened again! The "tough-luck" Brownies lost another thriller by one run. South Hadley pulled one run out of the hat in the eighth inning and beat the Brownies, 1-0. Lou Conti and Dave Kunasek engaged in a mound dual with Conti being the victor. It was a scratch single to right field that scored Captain Bob Methol with the tie-breaking and winning run. Phil Cardone collected the only hit for Agawam in the fourth inning and ruined Conti's bid for a no-hitter.

Agawam Bows To Easthampton

On May 6, the battling Brownies traveled to Easthampton to battle with a fine team there. Anderson started for the Brownies and was relieved by Kunasek in the fourth inning. Agawam picked up one run in the second inning. Easthampton rallied in the fourth, picking up three runs. Agawam came up with one run in the seventh, but failed in an attempt to get more runs. At the end of the game the score was 3-2 in favor of Easthampton.

								R	H	E
Agawam	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2
E'hampton	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	3

Agawam Tops So. Hadley, 7-0

In this game Agawam took the wraps off of two of their big guns. The slugging of Bob Couture and Roger LeClerc knocked two South Hadley pitchers off the mound. Dave Kunasek turned in a terrific three-hit ball game, supported by a team that was a pleasure to watch.

Ludlow Topples Agawam, 6-2

On May 8, the defending Valley Wheel champs, Ludlow High, invaded Memorial Field, to play our Brownies. Ludlow scored four runs in the first inning, and then held off our valiant attempts to catch up. The Brownies came up with runs in the second and fourth innings, but could not come through with a repeat performance. The final score was Ludlow 6, Agawam 2. LeClerc and Marsian collected two hits apiece to lead the Brownies' attack. Gauthier and Kania also had two hits for Ludlow. Kunasek pitched a good game for the Brownies, but was bettered by Picardi, who was the winning pitcher for Ludlow. Score by innings:

									R	H	E
Agawam	0	1	0	1	0	0	0		2	7	0
Ludlow	4	0	0	2	0	0	0		6	7	2

Agawam Edges Enfield, 4-3

Dave Kunasek pitched and batted himself to a victory over Enfield. Joe Sleich's beautiful squeeze bunt brought in the winning run. This game showed clearly that the team could come through when the chips were down.

The Donkey and The Elephant

or the

STORY OF TWO JACKASSES

A donkey named Uncle and an elephant named Sam were always arguing with each other and calling each other names. Everything the donkey did the elephant criticized, and everything the elephant did the donkey criticized. Sam was the leader of the two for awhile, but while Sam was the leader they went hungry and lost everything. Therefore, Uncle took over and soon made them the most powerful animals in the jungle.

Soon even Union Jack, the lion, and all of the western part of the jungle united with them. But one animal and his friends wanted to fight. This animal was "Joe the Skunk". He thought he was the most powerful animal in the jungle (in smell, anyway). No one could come within a hundred yards of him, because there was a curtain of odor around him and his comrades. He was very dangerous and had a great many weapons. He even had the "A bomb" — "A" standing for aroma. He also had a pile of hammers and sickles so large that it was higher than the trees.

In an attempt to seek peace the jungle formed the "UN", which means "Yes, we have no bananas." Along with this they started the cold war. Whence came the expression, "Please don't put bananas in the refrigerator."

Joe kept playing tricks on Uncle, and Sam was complaining again. Finally Joe started fighting with them and Sam took over as the leader again. One of Joe's allies was the Chinese Mountain who originated such proverbs as this: "He who laughs the longest laughs the most," or "Rolling moss gathers little stones."

So while the fighting was going on, some of Sam's friends were playing at a place called Los Alsomos. They were playing and having a great time blowing up houses, cars, and everything they could get their hands on. Meanwhile, where the fighting was going on, they did not have enough ammunition.

All this time untold things were going on. One of these things was that the tax collectors were taking more than their share of the coconuts. They were also taking bribes like skunk coats and banana trees. Bootlegging was not uncommon then, because all you had to do was slip Sam a half-pint every now and then. The coconut squeezings were so powerful that people began seeing round objects in the air. These were the first known flying saucers ever seen.

Now in the middle of the jungle there is a place called "Washington". This is where the Senators live, but the only Senators that do any work are the Senators that play in the American League. Even they don't seem to do much except probably on the off season.

Elections are held every so often and you have a choice of voting for Uncle, the donkey, or Sam, the elephant, but the winner is stubborn as a mule in either case.

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